

Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commissioners

Don Geary- Chairman

Don Geary, Chief Assistant District Attorney, Cobb County District Attorney's Office from January 2013 to present, Chief Assistant District Attorney, DeKalb County District Attorney's Office from March 2006 through December 2012, Senior Assistant District Attorney, Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office from December 1995 through February 2006, and Assistant District Attorney, Fulton County District Attorney's office from September 1991 through November 1995. From the fall of 2010 to present, he has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at Emory Law School teaching Advanced Evidence, Advanced Criminal Litigation, Cross-Examination and Civil Pre-trial Litigation. He was appointed to the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission in 2010 through 2012 and was reappointed to the Commission in 2014. He is a retired United States Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel and holds a Commercial Pilots License. He earned his JD from Georgia State University School of Law in 1989. He has tried over 175 jury trials, over 140 bench trials, and handled over 100 appeals to the Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. In 2009 he was awarded Board of Directors Trial Advocacy Award by the Association of Government Attorney's in Capital Litigation.

Hunter Towns- Vice Chairman

Hunter Towns was appointed by Governor Perdue in 2010. Hunter Towns served as deputy director of legislative affairs for Governor Sonny Perdue and has wide-ranging experience as the governor's liaison to members of the General Assembly and as Governor Perdue's advisor on legislative, policy, and political issues. He also served as government relations' manager at the Atlanta law office of Womble Carlyle Sandridge and Rice. Commissioner Towns is an avid fan of mixed martial arts, boxing, and wrestling.

Rick Thompson- Commissioner

Rick Thompson was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue in 2009 and again by Governor Nathan Deal in 2011. Commissioner Thompson has more than two decades of experience in overseeing ethics and governmental compliance as it relates to campaign finance, person financial disclosure by candidates, and lobbying. Commissioner Thompson served as Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission between 2004-2009. Currently Commissioner Thompson is principal of an ethics and compliance firm specializing in campaign finance and political campaign consulting. Commissioner Thompson has been an active member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and a former member of the National White Collar Crime Center. Commissioner Thompson holds a blue belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

J.J. Biello- Commissioner

J.J. Biello was appointed by Governor Roy Barnes in 2002 and reappointed by Governor Perdue in 2006 and again in 2010. Commissioner Biello served as Chairman of the Commission between 2003 and 2009 and again in 2010. Commissioner Biello was Cherokee County Commissioner for four terms and Chairman of the Cherokee County Recreation authority from 1990-2010. Commissioner Biello is currently the board of directors of Diaz International Foods and has served for the last 10 years. Commissioner Biello was a well-rounded athlete playing football, baseball, and boxed. Commissioner Biello was both a narcotics and robbery police detective for the city of Atlanta. Commissioner Biello was Police officer of the year in 1985. ON April 15, 1987 Commissioner Biello was gunned down serving his community during an armed robbery and was paralyzed from the multiple gunshot wounds. Commissioner Biello has been married to his wife, Barbara, since 1972 and has two sons Ross and Alex who are very active in combative sports. Commissioner Biello has four grandchildren.

Moses Ector- Commissioner

Moses Ector was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal in 2013. This is Moses Ector's 3rd appointment to the board. He was first appointed by Governor Roy Barnes and later by Governor Sonny Perdue. It was during those appointments that he served as Chairman. Commissioner Moses Ector serves as Chief of Police for the City of Hogansville, Georgia where he grew up. He has a long history of Law Enforcement Service; he retired from the Georgia Bureau of Investigations as the Deputy Assistant Director, retired from DeKalb County where he served as the first local Homeland Security Director in the nation. Commissioner Ector is an adjunct Professor at Atlanta Metropolitan State College, where he teaches Criminal Justice classes. Before his career in the field of criminal justice, Commissioner Ector served as a non-commission officer in the U.S. Army with a tour in Vietnam. He has been married to his wife Claretha since 1984 and they have two children Merlin and Chekesha and both are employed in State of Georgia Law Enforcement Agencies.